

Rio Grande Presidents

The destinies of the Rio Grande Railroad were guided over the past century by 14 presidents.

Important dates to remember: Denver & Rio Grande Railway was chartered on Oct. 27, 1870. The Salt Lake City link with the Rio Grande Western was accomplished on March 30, 1883. The mainline was standard gauged in November, 1890, while David Moffat was president. With acquisition of The Rio Grande Western in 1901, an integrated company was developed which was later to become known

as The Denver & Rio Grande Western. The Moffat Tunnel was opened in February, 1928, and the Dotsero Cutoff opened in June, 1934. On April 11, 1943, the Denver & Salt Lake Railway became a part of the Rio Grande.

Presidents not shown are Frederick Lovejoy, 1883-1884; Arthur Coppel, 1915 (one week); and Joseph H. Young, 1921-1922. Between 1918 and 1921 the government took over the running of all railroads. The Rio Grande was in receivership at the time and A. R. Baldwin was appointed receiver. No president was elected.



David H. Moffat
1885-1886
1887-1891



William S. Jackson
1886-1887



Edward T. Jeffery
1891-1912



Benjamin F. Bush
1912-1915



Henry U. Mudge
1915-1917



William J. Palmer
1870-1883



Edward L. Brown
1917-1918



T. H. Beacom
1923-1924



J. S. Pyeatt
1924-1946



Wilson McCarthy
1947-1956



G. B. Aydelott
1956-